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DISPATCH NO. NJAA-1771

TO : Chief, NEA

Date: 23 January 1958

FROM: Chief of Station, [ ]

General - Operational

SUBJECT: Specific - NOSTRIL

1. Under separate cover we are forwarding four pieces of correspondence involving NOSTRIL. While Exhibits A, B and C are self-explanatory, Exhibit D is a letter written by Foundation's Special Representative in Jordan. We are, also, sending under separate cover exhibits E and F which contain statements purportedly implicating NOSTRIL in activities which may stand some inquiry and investigation.

2. Our impression is that accusations are somewhat flimsy, still there may be element of truth. We are not very happy with some of the conclusions that NOSTRIL claims to have reached as a result of his stay here. One is obviously his claim to a sort of special relationship with Said MUFTI which we are compelled largely to discount and another his stated belief that he could recruit Fawaz MAHIR. On this latter, Wrangel reported, totally unsolicited, that Fawaz MAHIR told him of NOSTRIL's visit, chiding him that "such people" were allowed to come as American representative, presumably in representation of American interests. According to Wrangel, Fawaz MAHIR said that the only reason he did not throw NOSTRIL out of his house was because he came as a guest and in that capacity he owed him courtesy and hospitality.

3. We are, of course, aware that Fawaz MAHIR himself is not a totally reliable person, that he harbors ambitions to replace Sadiq SHARA and in time perhaps Habib MAJALLI, that he is all involved in a sort of an intelligence within intelligence work, which according to ODIBEX is simply to serve his own personal interests. ODIBEX admittedly regards him with suspicion, while his assistant considers Fawaz MAHIR as his own personal and highly productive source. ODIBEX claims to be in total disagreement with his assistant. Wrangel himself, in making various allegations, has neither been precise nor completely consistent. Main points that Wrangel brings up against NOSTRIL are the following (this in the nature of amplification of C-11348, paragraph 5):

- A. NOSTRIL has never declared that he had been a member of CP in Russia. He allegedly had been active in refugee camps in both Italy and Austria in the interests of repatriation of refugees to USSR.
- B. NOSTRIL's brother, whom Foundation is helping financially because of his illness at the rate of 15-20 dinars a month, had been in correspondence with Soviet Russia. Wrangel relates a confused account of a Circassian refugee in Syria named BERRITAS being summoned by NOSTRIL's brother on the occasion of death of another Circassian refugee named Hajj Musa NATCHU who died approximately in November. At time of that visit BERRITAS apparently claimed that NOSTRIL's brother in Beirut, showed BERRITAS letters

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from Soviet Russia claiming they were from his father. BERRITAS says that the letters were obviously a fake.

- C. Capt Khayr BALKAR, a Circassian officer close to Fawaz MAHIR and according to WRANGEL connected with Intelligence, told Wrangel he had heard that NOSTRIL corresponds with Russia.
- D. A Dr. Dimu was told by a Circassian friend in Beirut that he had seen NOSTRIL emerge from the Soviet Consulate in Beirut (as will be noticed in Exhibit E, the cover letter contains a sentence that NOSTRIL had been in the Soviet Consulate in Damascus in 1954). NOSTRIL's brother, in conversation with same Dr. Dimu some time in November, displayed unexpected and accurate knowledge of a certain Soviet ship visiting Latakiah.
- E. [ ] has questioned Wrangel on NOSTRIL, showing considerable suspicion of NOSTRIL and NOSTRIL's activities.

4. Our recommendation would be to perhaps LCFLUTTER NOSTRIL on some of these points, at least to establish that allegations are without foundation. At the time of his visit here, possibly one of the most promising contacts seemed to us to be his alleged friendship with Fawaz MAHIR. However, since Fawaz MAHIR chose to disclose NOSTRIL's visit to Wrangel in somewhat uncomplimentary terms, we have no choice but to seriously doubt that any basis exists for operational relationship between NOSTRIL and MAHIR. Moreover, the consensus on MAHIR is that outside of ambition there is very little to back up our interest in him.

Enclosures: 6-UNDER SEPARATE COVER  
Exhibits A, B, C, D, E and F

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SO : The Representative of Isolated Fund - Middle East Branch  
ACTS : A. P. WARDER - Beirut, Lebanon  
FROM : Refugee, KIRKUK, Basra (Iraqis)

On the basis of the fact that I am a refugee from the "Soviet Republic" for fifteen years, I, K. Warder, feel it my duty to inform you of the political conduct of the SOREKOV, Tacharia and his older brother, Koca.

Basically, the above-mentioned two brothers are known to me since the end of the Second World War, 1943, in Basra, Iraq, who (two brothers) at all times behave like adherents of Bolshevism. When Tacharia SOREKOV was being split from Iraq to Jordan as a representative (of the Circassian refugees) the Red Cross representative was highly distrustful of Mr. SOREKOV. However, on the insistence of several refugees, he (SOREKOV) was approved as the representative of the refugees only because he had personal funds, which other refugees did not. However, more than 50% of the refugees did not trust SOREKOV, and stayed back in Iraq, and later, due to the aid sent by the Red Cross, to HADJIKOV Djagrelli, they went to Jordan, 91 persons in all.

SOREKOV, Tacharia on his departure from the DP camp "Ingles" warned everyone openly that in America, and generally in America, there should be no help talk about the Communist regime thereby raising the indignation of the refugees and then they (refugees) finally reached America, these refugees openly said that "Soviet Union was a strong hell, etc." which was not to the liking of SOREKOV, Tacharia who started a secret campaign, i.e., "as though all the refugees except him escaped from the USSR because they were hostile or 'leaders' when actually these two brothers belong to this (above-mentioned) category -- as they were always -- Koca a member of the Party (Communist Party) and Tacharia a member of the Russian, both engaging in superstitious party work -- and (also) never had in their hands "as refugee" papers -- or "as passport", stables, etc., and (also) only lived by selling propaganda and by sending vouchers to Siberia.

After the establishment, 1945, SOREKOVES fleeing themselves free, started hurriedly writing to concentration camps calling on the refugees (Circassians) to go back to the Soviet Union -- which (fact) was well known to all the Circassian refugees. SOREKOV Tacharia and his brother, from the beginning up to the present day were carrying on, and still are carrying on propaganda for the

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benefit of the Polisario -- "In order to answer, in 1969, right out in the history, approached all refugees with the plan to return to the homeland while it was not too late, etc. -- at the same time, "emerging with clarity" in all possible ways the Western democracy and underlined the fact that the West has many friends who can easily be trusted.

Finally, at the initiative of the two brothers, the refugees are led from the Soviet Union, which they do not desire.

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Attachment A

21 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NOSTRIL FILE

SUBJECT: NOSTRIL's Last ☐ Debriefing

Time & Place: Private house in Teaneck, New Jersey, 7 January 1958

1. NOSTRIL was picked up at a pre-arranged meeting place in Hackensack, New Jersey, at 0900 hours and was driven to a private house in Teaneck, New Jersey by the undersigned. The entire day was devoted to debriefing NOSTRIL, the pre-luncheon period being devoted to the financial aspects of NOSTRIL's tour (accounting for per diem, expenses, etc.) and the afternoon was devoted to operational discussion. The latter discussions are the subject of this memorandum.
2. To begin with, Subject submitted his own eight page handwritten report on his sojourn in Lebanon and Jordan (attachment B). Subject submitted a handwritten letter in Russian language from him to Mrs. Alexis Wrangel of the Tolstoy Foundation, Beirut. NOSTRIL offered the letter for translation and comment. The letter, which is in effect a defense and counterattack against Mr. Wrangel's accusations, has been translated and a copy of the translation and the translator's comments (attachments C and D) accompany this memorandum.
3. In addition, the following items were voluntarily provided by NOSTRIL or were given by him in response to specific questions.
  - a. When I first arrived in Amman many people came to call. All of them were curious as to the reason behind my presence. However, to the best of my knowledge all curiosity was satisfied after the first week or ten days.
  - b. At a Circassian luncheon in Wadi <sup>Seer</sup> a British Embassy official named Mason (ed.: probably Heath-Mason, Counsellor of the British Embassy, Amman) made a number of derogatory comments about American activity in Jordan. He may have been trying to provoke me; I could not tell.
  - c. Fawaz Mahir, Izzat Kandur, and many others with whom I spoke in Jordan agreed that there is much Syrian activity in Jordan. Some of the people working for Syria are doing so because of blackmail and other forms of pressure. On the other hand, Egyptian activity is either nil or very covert. I believe the Egyptians are working through the Syrians rather than directly.

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d. Nubar Kraprilian, who was an employee of Tawfiq Khatan in 1954, is now representing certain Hungarian exporters in Jordan. He has visited behind the Curtain, specifically Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. Kraprilian is said to have a credit account of JD 15,000 with the Hungarians.

e. Nadim Tab'a, in Damascus, has commercial relations with Czechoslovakia and East Germany but I believe he does this only for profit--not out of political conviction.

f. King Saud is now regarded in Jordan as King Husayn's ally (a) because Saud is an ally of the Americans and (b) because Saud has similar monarchical interests.

g. People in Amman say that the (ODIBEX) Attache talks and behaves very foolishly and that his assistant is the real mastermind. Abd-al Qadir Tash (Ed: prominent Circassian merchant) told me that Abd-al Halim Nimr (Ed: National Socialist leader from Es Salt) gets complete reports regarding the (ODIBEX) Attache's activities and his conversations at the qiada from Abdullah Umjalli and Sadiq Shara. He passes them to Sulayman Nabulsi and others.

h. Your man in Jerusalem has very good cover. He behaves in a very careful way and I believe no one in Jerusalem suspects he is anything but a simple (cover position). In Amman (PBPRIME's mainly accused of covert activity are (RWINTGER), (ODIBEX) and (ODIBEX) assistant.

i. Regarding the problem begun by Mr. Wrangel, I can only say that I have included this fully in my report (attachment 'B').

j. As regards the idea that I claimed to be a (PBPRIME) agent, I never said this to anyone. The only story I used in connection with a possible recruitment was the story I used with Fawaz Mahir and Izzat Kandur. I told them I have a connection with the German branch of NATO. I used NATO as a logical story and I emphasized German because everybody knows I fought with the Germans during the war and my committee, the NCNC, is located in Munich and thus it is all quite logical. Furthermore, it counters the suspicion that I might be working for the (SMOOTHERS) or (PBPRIME's). One reason I think that no one suspected I was working for (KUBARK) is that nobody came to me and asked for help or special favors. If they thought I had any relationship with (ODIBEX) I am sure they would have.

k. Of the four names you just mentioned to me, I can only say as follows: I do not recognize the first one (fictitious). The one named Nayi might be named Naji; he might be the brother of Col. Sulayman Naji, the Director of Civil Defense in Syria. I heard that Talib Daghestani was mixed up with the group which is now being tried in Damascus. Col. Mahmud Shatra was in a training course in Egypt as of a month ago. My source for this latter piece of information is Zeur Mukhtar Abdul.

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l. The officer who told me that he was instructed by the (PB-PRIME) to watch me was Muhammad Sinaymat, chief of the political section in the Arab Legion. He used to be assistant to Patrick Coghill and was dismissed by Ali Abu Nuwar. He is definitely pro-West. I cannot explain this incident.

m. In Beirut I stayed two nights in an old hotel, I think named the Grand Barsul. Then I moved to the Plaza at the suggestion of my Beirut contact. In Jerusalem I stayed at the National. In Amman I stayed in my brother's home. On my way home I stayed one night at the Biarritz Hotel in Beirut.

n. I observed no indication of having been surveilled at any time during my tour. I noticed nothing suspicious about any of the telephones I used but of course I did not discuss anything sensitive during any of my phone conversations. I phoned between Beirut and Amman but only about such normal things as my paycheck, etc. My name did not appear in any of the newspapers while I was there.

o. As possible cover for my return to the area I have two suggestions: (1) as an employee of an airline, (2) to set up an insurance office. (Many companies are trying to sell insurance in the Middle East and since I am known to be in the insurance business already this would be perfectly logical.) My cover with the [ ] Company was adequate and people believed it, except for the trouble caused by Mr. Wrangel; however it would not cover an extended stay in the area. At the time I left I had already run out of things to do in order to backstop the cover.

p. I would consider returning under the right cover and the right contract. The most important condition would be that I would be given adequate time, i.e., the first two months, to do nothing but cover activity--and I mean real eight-hour day cover business.

q. You were very wise to order me not to visit Syria. Certainly people would have been much more likely to be suspicious of me if I had visited Syria or Egypt.

r. The only official installations I visited during my tour were the Jordan Embassy in Beirut and the (PBPRIME TPELIDE) in Amman. I have never visited a Soviet installation during this tour or previously.

s. In Amman the customs officer is an old friend of mine so my bags were never opened. My luggage was given a routine inspection in Beirut once--on my way through coming home to the (PBPRIME). In Beirut I was given a document which entitled me, as a Jordanian citizen, to stay in Beirut three months without police registration. The hotel clerk kept my passport overnight and presumably reported it to the police. In Jordan there was tight police control over everybody. Every car and bus had to make four stops on the road between Amman and Jerusalem.

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t. The report about the UNRWA officer in Hebron, Izhak Dusdar, importing arms with Anwar Khatib, came from an Arab named Jawdat Abdullah, who works as a storekeeper in UNRWA under Dusdar. This was only a casual report and I do not regard Abdullah as worthy of further cultivation.

u. I have two contacts in the Jordan Embassy in Beirut. They are Muhammad Baj and Osman Shuqum. Both are Circassians, both speak English and both are recruitable but I would pick Shuqum who is more secure than Baj. Shuqum used to be chief clerk for Glubb but he was never loyal to the British. He quit Glubb when Glubb asked him to be an informer.

v. The two generals, Fawaz Mahir and Izzat Kandur, are both recruitable and in my opinion would be especially useful in case the King changes his political orientation. I gave them both the NATO story plus a mechanism for later contact or recruitment. Mahir is a politician, Kandur is a tougher and more of a straightforward soldier. I left with my contact in Jerusalem a picture which can be used for recontacting Kandur if you wish to do so.

w. I worked on Munib Zayn and he was ready to go to Syria to attempt to elicit (only) information from Tab'a, but I never got approval to go ahead. I believe if I had once got him to report I could later have developed a more solid relationship with him. I left the names of other possible informants of Zayn with my Jerusalem contact.

x. The best contact I made while I was there was Zaur Mukhtar Abdulul. He is a young, intelligent Circassian in Syria. He has some French education as well as Arabic and is employed as an accountant of the Qunaytra municipality. His father was an aide to a French general. His brother-in-law is a lieutenant in radar in the Syrian army. He speaks French but no English. I met him through friends in Beirut and I arranged to recontact him by sending a postcard from Amman. I left all details concerning this contact with my Beirut contact.

y. Muhammad Khair Peta is now the district officer of the Mafraq area. He could be approached by my Beirut contact with a letter from me and a photograph of me. Then if all went well he could be turned over to my Jerusalem contact. The only trouble is he speaks only Arabic, Turkish and Circassian.

z. Sami Ayyoub is a civil servant who is now the accountant at the royal palace. He is very strongly anti-Communist; he speaks English. He is friendly with someone in (KFLONAGE). I believe I could contact him only by mail on your behalf.

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aa. My first contacts with your people in Beirut and Jerusalem went very smoothly.

bb. I did not visit London.

cc. I did not buy a car.

dd. I have never heard of a Circassian intelligence net or any sort of formal Circassian organization in the area other than one or two boys' sporting clubs; even this is now dead in Amman.

ee. I am hopeful that my brother will be able to emigrate to (PEPRIME), particularly under the new law. I do not believe there will be any trouble about my brother's correspondence with Soviet Russia. An Arab who has emigrated to PEPRIME can return to Jordan and live with his family and work successfully depending upon the kind of person he is and the kind of cover he has.

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Paterson, 1-6-1958

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Arrived in Amman, Jordan on 11-1-57, and stayed there with my brother until 11-15-1957.

On 11-15-1957 left Amman for Jerusalem, where I have had my first contact, as was planned by you, short before my departure. At the same time I have visited different dealers and manufacturers of the Oriental articles at Bethlehem and Jerusalem, from whom I requested their price lists.

Left Jordan, for Lebanon on 11-19-1957 and next day I have had my contact in Beirut, as was arranged.

During my stay in Beirut, I have visited Director of Beirut, Chamber of the Commerce, as well as the dealers and manufacturers of Oriental articles, from whom I requested their price lists.

I have met a Syrian Circassian - Mr. Zaver Mukhtar Abdodul, employed as an accountant at Kunetra, Syria by Municipality of the Kunetra. The meeting took place at Dr. Dima Takhondia. He is an immigrant from Georgia. He was resident of Amman, Jordan, was partner in Alcoholic Factory of Zerkia, at present he lives in Beirut temporarily awaiting transport for immigration to USA.

Mr. Zaver, had with him his wife, and sister of his father by name Fatma Eran - resident of Asmali Mescit, Jurnal Sokak 7/6 Beyoglu-Istanbul Turkey, whose brother died sometime ago, in Lebanon, and she came from Turkey to see her brother's grave. After we left house of Dr. Dima I asked him if he could come and have a drink with me; he agreed, while we were talking I asked him about situation in Syria generally and particularly Circassians, after he spoke in tone against present regime, I asked him if he could name our Circassian officers in Syrian Army as our N.C.N.C. in Munich is very interested in knowing Caucasian descent officers in Middle East, as we are sure that sooner or later we shall have liberated caucasus from Russians.

While he was mentioning names of those officers whom he could remember at moment, I noticed an officer Lieutenant his brother in law in charge of the Radar Installations in Syria, for which I thought may be of interest to us. I made an arrangement saying to him that probably I would like to see him in future if in case I shall see him, with pre-arranged signal to call him, so as no one should know in order to avoid unnecessary trouble for him. At the last I tried to show him that I am interested only for our future caucasus but not at present. About all this things I gave full information to my Beirut contact.

Left Beirut for Jerusalem on 12-4-1957, where I have seen my contact, who instructed me to collect the names of Arab Legion Officers who are considered to be as pro-Syrians or Egyptians.

Accordingly I did obtained same names from Brigadier Izzat Hasan Kador,

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present C.O. of King Talal's Brigade, and he was the officer in charge of Army investigation, during last troubles last April. Also another group of names from Brigadier Fawes Maher, present C.O. of Jordan National Guards. Both of them are Circassians.

To both of them I gave reason of my interest to learn who is not very trusty, that some of my Caucasian friends are having good contacts in German branch of the MADD, and the Germans are very well informed about Caucasians who fought Soviet Russians together with Germans, and they are very much interested in Middle East specially for Circassians.

On the December 13th I was instructed by my Jordan contact to cease any political activity, due to the gossip.

On the December 27th I have seen him for last time at that time he suggested to me that I should see my Beirut contact, but I failed to do so as he did not show up at pre-arranged appointments.

This is just a brief report, I am sure that you did already receive in full detail reports from my contacts.

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Here is my personal opinion about gossip.

Upon my arrival there was attracted great attention to my arrival (for about 5 - 10 days) but later on everyone was convinced that I did come to Jordan for commercial purposes but not for anything else.

During first 5 - 7 days I had many visitors among whom was people considered as Leftists and good friends. Many of them were trying to elicit from me the purposes of my trip, to all of them I was telling my cover story, explaining according to my best knowledge.

I do not know why Mr. Wrangel became annoyed.

I have never saw him before I came to Beirut. While I was in Amman, I heard many different stories about his behavior and his way of treatment of Refugees regardless how they were bad or good I did not make any comments, as far as he is concerned, but I praised very much Tolstoy Foundation generally and particularly Mrs. T. Shaufuss (Director of T.F. in Europe).

On 11-27-1957 I went to office of the Tolstoy Foundation in Beirut and thanked Mr. Wrangel for his "exceptional kind attention" to my sick brother.

On 12-2-1957 he phoned me and asked me if I could see him at his office, I did so and upon my arrival to his office he received me, and started asking me questions like this 1. Were you in U.S.A.P. 2. Are American citizen?

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My reply was in both questions No. Then he told me in an ultimatum way of warning, that I should be very careful otherwise——. When he finished I asked him if he will be kind enough to tell me what is all about this, his reply was think, then I told him that there is nothing what I could remember as far as he was concerned, I do not know any of his bad or good deeds except that my brother praised you so much that I had to come and to thank you, otherwise I would not see you as I have nothing to do with you neither with your work. As far as Tolstoy Foundation is concerned it is a highly respected organisation with excellent staff mentioning some of Mrs. Shaufuss, and Tolstoy Foundation done so much good to many different nationalities which very well remembered everywhere.

Next day I was invited for lunch by Mr. Othman Shakim - Jordan Commercial Attache in Lebanon, where I have met few men from Jordan Embassy. Among them was another Attache Mr. Muhammed Baj (in charge of Visa Section), who asked me if there was anything wrong between me and Mr. Wrangel, I told him that definitely nothing and in fact I have seen him only twice in Beirut and it seems to me he - Mr. Wrangel a gentleman. Mr. Baj told me that Mr. Wrangel has being at his office this morning to arrange trip for 2 Russians to Jerusalem, during Christmas time and that Mr. Wrangel asked him if he knew me. Mr. Baj said yes and it appeared to me that he praised me for what Mr. Wrangel, was amoyed and spoke saying that fool the one who helped me to come to States, additionally to that States has many who do not work in factories like as

Mr. Baj told Mr. Wrangel, that there is not wrong with , in contrary if was not , you Mr. Wrangel were not going to be here dealing with any Refugees only men who brought them to M.E. was , doing so he saved this Circassian group from Soviet hands. It is too bad that you received probably false and wrong information from your friend Rafait Mufti, who is enemy of , for very well known reasons among us Circassians and you being a intirely foreigner to us you should not go deeply to the unknown things. Mr. Wrangel became very coarse to learn what was between me and Rafait Mufti. Mr. Baj suggested to Mr. Wrangel to find such information from other sources than from him.

In meantime Mr. Baj warned me that I should be very careful as Mr. Wrangel is very important American in M.E. according to the words of Mr. Wrangel he is one of few State Department employees serving in M.E. with this organization, and their real jobs are to advise State Dpt. in that area where he is. At this point I told him that I am not employed by US Government and that I am sure that Mr. Wrangel is not advisor of my Export-Import Company so do not care too much about him, as long as my boss is satisfied.

On or about 12-13-1957 Mr. Wrangel came to Amman, and with company of Mr. Rafai'l Mufti, he Mr. Wrangel paid a courtesy visit to Said Pasha Mufti, to whom he started to say that I have spoken against his Wrangel's father and so on then Said Pasha told Mr. Wrangel, well I did not hear anything from regarding you and your father but if he does so, there nothing strange in it as no Circassian who likes Red or White Russians. (Said Pasha told me in this respect that Wrangel tried to get something from him in regard me but he easily outted him).

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Later on he went to Dr. Shawqat Haffi, to him he gave a book as a souvenir (book is about his father published in Arabic). During that period he started saying all kinds of things which he told him that he thinks that there is lot existing business representatives in the M.E. who could handle easily things what I am supposed to be sent for here, but he thinks that I am a Jewish agent, therefore, the Jew sent me to do something. After Dr. Shawqat transferred these words, I told him in joking way, that is really for me an honor that son of such famous general as General Wrangel bothered by my visit in Jordan, and additionally to that, I asked to Dr. Shawqat, if he should see him in near future to quiet him just by saying that I do not have intention of applying of his present job.

Also I do not believe that there was any gossip in town among people that I had any connections with US Government, as no one asked me of any favour nor for immigration nor for employment. Knowing Arabs and Circassians, if there was any kind of gossip at least one person should ask to help him for employment with Point IV or so on.

T. S.

P.S.S.

There was also a damaging thing when a Circassian by name Abdullah Shumaf came from Paterson, N. J. to Amman, with his wife, and he was asked by same man how I was doing in the States, he said doing fine with Insurance Co. but not with any commercial company. When I was told about this I immediately said to all that my permanent job in the States is with Insurance Co. but I was asked to make this trip for the [ ] Export and Import Company, and that my insurance boss and [ ] are good friends, and as they knew that I lived for 10 years in Jordan and speaking Arabic and have good connections he Mr. [ ] asked me to do this trip, which sounded to the people more or less acceptable.

I am very much surprised by trip of this Circassian who only lived in the States for three years from where he do have such expenses?

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*Attachment C*

Paterson (appears as Raterson)

2 January 1958

My dear Mr. Wrangel:

Through this letter I would like to clear up the fog which has thickly accumulated around my name since my arrival to Jordan, and for which I have good reasons to blame you personally.

Rumors have reached me from very reliable sources that you have agitated against me, that you were trying to find sympathizers and even witnesses; however, you have not been quite successful in this matter.

1. I am being blamed for unfavorably speaking of your deceased father whom I presumably called an oppressor and a near-assassin of the Circassians and in general of all North Caucasus nationals. I wish to state that I am somewhat familiar with the history of the subjugation of the North Caucasus; the name of your esteemed father has never been mentioned by the North Caucasus nationals with the same degree of hatred as were the names of Knoring, Kotlyarevskiy, Yermolov and others. I also know that your father, among all the generals of the Volunteer Army, was the most humane person and who understood the situation better than anybody else. Thus, by noting on paper my opinion, I am cutting off all possible means of escape in case of a false witness suddenly confronts me with the above mentioned facts.

2. The discussions which I presumably had with the Carcassians who arrived recently and with old refugees residing in Jordan, emphasizing that emigration to America will not give them anything and that it would be better for all of them to remain here, have never occurred and no one can really believe such nonsense. I wish that not only all the Carcassians who arrived recently emigrate to America, but that the old Carcassian emigres follow them whenever possible, because I am a Caucasian, rather a Carcassian national in its narrow meaning, and since I and my compatriots are deprived of our Motherland because of Russian past and present policies in the Caucasus, at least we could all live under better cultural conditions than we are now living.

3. It is very unfortunate that you accept all the rumors at their face value without discriminating their source, and since you are a newcomer among the people of different social and financial standing, family background, education and past affiliations, you should be weighing more carefully what is presented to you and should not blindly believe all the rumors. *(1) The information which is attributed to me is nonsense.*

4. My arrival to Jordan was exclusively motivated by the affairs of the export-import company where I work and it had no connections whatsoever with the activities of the Tolstoy Foundation. For this reason the words attributed to me that I am in a position to speed up emigrations

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due to special rights conferred upon me by the Government of the United States of America, are nonsense. Actually I have acted as a private citizen, trying to influence the persons who hesitated to leave and to keep in close contact with the branch of the Tolstoy Foundation in Amman.

I personally want to express my deepest gratitude to the organization of the Tolstoy Foundation and its representative in Munich, Mme Shaufus for her exceptionally kind attitude to my sick brother as well as to all the old and new Carcassian emigrants in Amman without discrimination. I must add that without her useful work neither I, nor my family or many other Carcassians would be able to reach America and would not get acquainted with a new and more agreeable life.

(2) I take this opportunity to express to her my deepest gratitude for her work in behalf of my compatriots. I have not been able to write to you about all this while I was in Amman, because there was no opportunity for me to do so. I also thought that during this time you would be able to realize that untrustworthy persons have surrounded you with intrigues, and that you would also see that you are unable to take care of your new tasks, which are pretty serious, that of refugees' problems.

The laws of all the countries, military as well as civilian, establish the fact that the authorities should be just and should not pay any attention to slander, but must know the needs of people under their jurisdiction and must take their interests to heart. But in the period of over two years of your stay in the Middle East, you have visited only a few persons and did not show any wish to get better acquainted with those whom you neglected without apparent reason; you have even failed to answer refugees' letters, and did not pay a visit to a dying refugee in the hospital while you were there on personal business.

*In my opinion cannot solve*  
Your activities are not directed for the benefit of the refugees; you are trying to create an impression of service rendered to your authority and of self-advertising which is substantiated by the books you have circulated in Amman.

Please accept, etc., etc.

(Signed)

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